

City of Selah
Council Minutes
April 23, 2019

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

- A. Call to Order Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.
- B. Roll Call
- Members Present: Kevin Wickenhagen; Jacquie Matson; Jeremy Burke; John Tierney; Roger Bell; Diane Underwood; Russell Carlson
- Members Absent:
- Staff Present: Donald Wayman, City Administrator; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Rick Hayes, Police Chief; Gary Hanna, Fire Chief; Jim Lange, Deputy Fire Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Jeff Peters, Community Development Supervisor; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant
- C. Councilmember Absence – Motion to Excuse **None**
- D. Pledge of Allegiance
- Council Member Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- E. Invocation
- Pastor Mark Griesse gave the prayer.
- F. Agenda Changes
- Add to Agenda:
- M – 2a: Selah Welcome Sign Discussion
- G. Public Appearances/Introductions/ Presentations **None**
- H. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**
- I. Communications
1. Oral

Mayor Raymond opened the meeting.

Barb Petrea approached the Podium and addressed the Council. She gave an update regarding Community Days, saying that the flyer would be going out in businesses the next week, the annual meals would still be at the Civic Center, bands playing all weekend, and all carnival tickets are out and about for purchase. She noted that a pre-purchased carnival ticket would be ten dollars off the price at the event, with buddy night Thursday night. She said that the Selah Downtown Association's grant façade program would close April 30, and the design committee reached out to over fifty different businesses and owners and are waiting to see if anyone was interested.

Chris Gary, Tree Top, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that he was the environmental manager for Tree Top since 2008, and that the aroma in the air recently was caused by challenges with a late winter and warm spring, although they have been working since mid-March to address the matter. He went on to say that they believe it to be under control now, and appreciate the City staff working with them and making suggestions to help them bring the situation back to where it should be. He noted that they were taking action to prevent it from happening again.

Mayor Raymond expressed her appreciation for him coming to the meeting to explain.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, Mayor Raymond then closed the meeting.

2. Written None

J. Proclamations/Announcements None

K. Consent Agenda

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

* 1. Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2019 Council Meeting

* 2. Approval of Claims and Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 82627 – 82708 for a total of \$230,837.51

Claim Checks Nos. 72905 – 72979 for a total of \$239,082.94

* 3. Resolution N – 2: Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Pacific Power Street Light Agreement extension to convert various streetlights in the City of Selah to energy efficient LED lights

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Burke seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

L. Public Hearings None

M. General Business

1. New Business

a. Six Year Transportation Improvement Program 2020 to 2025

Public Works Director Henne addressed M – 1a. He reminded Council that he had provided them with a map and list of projects at the previous meeting with the request to give it some thought and possible suggestions for additional projects to add to the list. He said that he would like to discuss the list of projects so they can continue moving forward with the intent to present it for approval at the first meeting in June.

Council Member Tierney remarked that the only question he had was in regard to the East Goodlander and Lancaster Road project, and whether it would be more practical and less expensive to do a roundabout there rather than a traffic signal.

Public Works Director Henne answered that it would require additional rights of way.

Council Member Tierney responded unless they took it out of Carlon Park.

Public Works Director Henne replied that would also require an additional alignment of Goodlander Road if they offset the traffic circle, although it was something they could look at.

Council Member Tierney noted that Lancaster Road was awfully close to Wenas Road, and that it seems with all the transitions going on throughout the state that two roundabouts to eliminate traffic signals would be better.

Public Works Director Henne commented that it was a good suggestion and he would look at it, adding that the only time they needed a light was when school was getting out in the afternoon, as otherwise it doesn't meet the criteria to warrant a light. He noted that if they didn't have it on the list and funding came available they would need to add it at that time.

Council Member Carlson thought it would be for a truck route to eliminate congestion on the south side of city.

Public Works Director Henne responded that Goodlander Road was currently designated as a truck route.

Council Member Carlson inquired about diverting trucks from the south entrance to Harrison Road.

Public Works Director Henne replied that he would be bringing back a budget adjustment in the future to use the funds originally set aside for the BUILD application and safe routes to school project to be spent for traffic counts this coming summer, to see what's coming into town.

Council Member Carlson remarked that he's seen it more than just that area alone, such as trucks turning from Jim Clements Way to First Street and cars trying to beat them there.

Public Works Director Henne asked what he wanted them to do about that.

Council Member Carlson suggested diverting them to a different route.

Public Works Director Henne pointed out that it a State highway, and that was why they have designated truck routes on their streets. He reiterated his desire to do some traffic counts to see the numbers, and noted that he would also look into what the impact of a roundabout would be.

2. Old Business

a. Selah Welcome Sign Discussion

City Administrator Wayman addressed M – 2a. He stated that the Mayor requested that he get a sense of the Council's wishes regarding the proposed sign on the side of the mountain. He went on to say that he has done some investigation into a potential sign which would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in addition to annual maintenance expenses of approximately twenty thousand dollars, and that before they spend more may hours and do a survey they need a motion authorizing the expenditure of funds.

Council Member Tierney inquired if this was a different sign than what had been discussed previously.

City Administrator Wayman answered that it would be a twenty to thirty foot Selah sign.

Council Member Tierney said so, not an electronic sign.

City Administrator Wayman responded that it wouldn't be electronic.

Council Member Carlson wanted to provide input on the subject, saying that the sign committee hours spent on the project were mainly his, with minimal staff hours. He went on to say that his employment history was in signs and advertising, and he felt it appropriate to ask for a presentation and recommendation from the sign committee on the matter, as there are special features to the concept and value in advertising in that spot. He noted that it wouldn't allow them to place a sign on his property, at which point the recommendation would move to a different site. He felt that the most effective and appropriate way to do that was to come up with either acceptance or rejection from the landowner followed by him making a proper presentation, and that doing another rectangular box rather than something unique like his proposed sign would be devaluing the effective advertising of the sign.

Council Member Bell appreciated all the work he had put in but questioned the cost of the sign at four hundred thousand dollars, more or less.

Council Member Carlson replied that the estimate for the sign was currently two hundred fifteen thousand; with the total cost around four hundred thousand.

Council Member Bell observed that it would be a continuing maintenance problem for the City, and that he thought there were much greater needs in the City than a sign on a hill, especially when they have another option that one of sign committee members suggested.

Council Member Carlson stated that he wasn't asking for money but asking for the appropriate steps to be taken to see if they would be allowed to place a sign there, as he felt there was value and benefit in it. He added that part of the recommendation to the sign committee was to poll the community and get their feedback, and that he had gone to the Selah Downtown Association, the Selah Chamber of Commerce, the Selah School District, and a former member of Lions Club, asking for input from these different organizations, and the consensus was that they don't want box on a pole. He opined that all of the information, homework, and community engagement had value.

Council Member Burke thanked him for all the work put into it, saying that while he wasn't involved in the background of the project he pointed out that four hundred thousand dollars is one quarter of the cost to do a remodel for a new Police Station, and that the signage project was right for a public/private partnership, to see if the community would buy into it with money to make it a public/ private contribution. He felt it was kind of a big request because of the financial amount.

Council Member Carlson pointed out that the numbers are ballpark figures, and that the actual numbers could be more or less than that, adding that they attempted to establish an idea, a concept, and a budget. He noted that one idea from the Mayor was to approach Perry Tech, which could be an option moving forward to reduce costs, and that he was opposed to approaching community businesses for money.

Mayor Raymond asked if the four hundred thousand included making road up to the spot to put the sign.

Council Member Carlson answered that the number provided for cutting a road was one hundred twenty thousand dollars, which had been included in that larger figure, along with two hundred fifteen dollars for access, fifty-five thousand for the sign itself, and forty thousand for electrical. He added that the one hundred twenty thousand included access and lighting to the sign, and that it was all conceptual.

Council Member Matson wondered when he would have an answer from the landowner.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they were looking at surveying in an access road and doing a survey to the chosen piece of ground, which would be money spent to outline what they would want from the landowner. He respectfully disagreed with Council Member Carlson regarding the expenditure, saying that it would be in the hundreds of thousands of dollars range along with annual maintenance of approximately twenty thousand for maintenance, and even if the landowner gifted them the property the dollar amount would be high. He asked Council if they wished to proceed with the project.

Council Member Tierney inquired about the location of the propped sign in relation to the Selah 'S' currently on the hill.

City Administrator Wayman replied that it would be further South into the gap, more east facing.

Council Member Tierney wondered if environmentalists would want the City to place a sign there.

City Administrator Wayman replied that they would need to do an environmental review on it.

Council Member Carlson remarked that if the landowner opts not to allow a sign then that solves so many questions. He opined that the matter could be easily resolved if the landowner said yes with

contingencies but questioned spending money on a survey without permission from the landowner to potentially place a sign on the property.

Council Member Burke asked if the landowner had given any indication that he was favorable to the project, given that most of the land looks pretty unusable, as he felt the landowner must have an idea of what he wants to sell it for without a survey.

Council Member Carlson responded that he, the Mayor and the City Administrator had a meeting with a representative of the landowner to talk about scenarios at which they expressed an interest, but after giving them a presentation on the proposed project and approximate location the response back was that the location wasn't where they had thought a sign would go. He went on to say that his recommendation would be to get an indication from the landowner on the matter and then he could do a presentation and recommendation, adding that their current discussion was not what he felt was an appropriate presentation and recommendation from the sign committee. He stated that the point of a sign committee with experience in signs was to give representation, and that his experience was significant. He noted that the other sign discussed was another option presented to the sign committee, and there had been favorable discussion about it.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Wickenhagen seconded, to delay any action on the issue until the next Council Meeting, with assurance from Council Member Carlson that he would come back at the next meeting with a yes or no from the property owner. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Mayor Raymond remarked that they need two more Council Members on the sign committee.

Council Member Burke said that he's not on a committee at present and would volunteer.

Council Member Wickenhagen indicated that he would join the committee.

Mayor Raymond stated that Council Members Burke and Wickenhagen would be part of the sign committee with Council Member Carlson.

Council Member Carlson remarked that his intention was always to come back to Council with the owner's response and more information.

N. Resolutions

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Award a Construction Contract between the City of Selah and Central Washington Asphalt, Inc., for the North First Street Resurfacing Project (FY2020 Overlay Project) TIB project number 3-E-182(004)-1

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 1. He said that they did the bid opening, with the low bid coming from Central Washington Asphalt, Inc., and that the three sections in the bid placed them approximately nineteen thousand six hundred dollars over budget, so he made an application to TIB for additional funding and received eleven thousand five hundred forty in funding. He went on to say that with some other adjustments they were still ix thousand over budget, and he would be bringing a budget

adjustment to Council at a later date to cover additional costs. He requested that Council approve awarded the construction contract to Central Washington Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of three hundred thirty thousand, one hundred seven dollars and fifty cents.

Council Member Burke moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Award a Construction Contract between the City of Selah and Central Washington Asphalt, Inc., for the North First Street Resurfacing Project (FY2020 Overlay Project) TIB project number 3-E-182(004)-1. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

- * 2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Consultant agreement between the City of Selah and HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to provide Consulting services for the North First Street Resurfacing Project (FY2020 Overlay Project)
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Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 3. He said that the task order was for the Valleyview/south Third Street project, reviewed the supplemental and requested that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the document so he could send it into WSDOT to get a letter from them authorizing the additional funds.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Underwood seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Consultant agreement between the City of Selah and HLA Engineering and Land Surveying, Inc. to provide Consulting services for the North First Street Resurfacing Project (FY2020 Overlay Project). Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

- 4. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Supplemental Agreement Number 3 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc. for Consultant Services for the Valleyview Ave. /Third St. /Southern Avenue improvement Project

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 4. He said that the Supplemental was for additional design service to get the plans going as STIP funding slowly comes in.

Council Member Wickenhagen inquired what additional services HLA was providing on the delayed project that they didn't provide before.

Public Works Director Henne responded that the cost estimate work has to be recalculated as well as additional work to bring the plans up to WSDOT standards that have changed from when they were initially awarded funding five to six years ago.

Council Member Tierney noted that it was 2013.

Public Works Director Henne explained that construction dollars were delayed due to Congress not enacting future transportation needs, and that if projects delayed more than six to eight months have no progress they are put in inactive status and are difficult to get reactivated. He added that the Department of Transportation under Federal Highways directed agencies throughout the State to do a minimal amount of design work and bill one to two hundred dollars per month to keep their project on active status, which they have been doing. He noted that YVCOG agreed to award Selah and additional thirty-five thousand eight hundred dollars for the project.

Council Member Tierney observed that the total was forty thousand six hundred dollars.

Council Member Burke remarked that he understood how the actual increased costs came about, but not how they came from HLA with regard to the ten percent.

Public Works Director Henne explained the process every three years for selecting a city engineering firm and the contract with said entity.

Council Member Burke commented maybe that was where the ten percent came from.

Public Works Director Henne responded that ten percent was his math for it.

Council Member Burke inquired if they did work originally when the design was submitted.

Public Works Director Henne replied that those costs were just for design and right of way certification.

Community Development Supervisor Peters said that when plans go inactive they're like building plans; money goes into planning, as they're expecting to execute the plan and build the project, but if it sits for a long time they have to go back and reevaluate the plan, update numbers, ensure the right of way surface is what is out there, then certify that back to WSDOT, which was what HLA was doing to keep the project alive.

Public Works Director Henne added that it's not efficient in itself.

Council Member Bell inquired if the additional costs were enough to cover inflation over a four year period.

Public Works Director Henne responded that they would get the design plans finished then move onto right of way acquisition, which would have a ten year window for completion.

Council Member Tierney noted that was if the Federal government had the money for the project.

Public Works Director Henne agreed.

Council Member Bell moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign a Supplemental Agreement Number 3 with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc. for Consultant Services for the Valleyview Ave. /Third St. /Southern Avenue improvement Project. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

5. Resolution Declaring the Goodlander Zone 5 Booster Pump Station Rebuild Project as Complete

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 5. He outlined what had been done on the project, saying that they didn't get the generator and some heating components done on time even though the pump station was functioning, but he wanted to close the project out now and release the final payment to the contractor. He went on to say that if they accept the project as completed that starts a sixteen day window for approval from other agencies, after which they put a punch list together to be satisfied within sixty days and then release the retainage. He requested approval of the Resolution.

Council Member Wickenhagen moved, and Council Member Carlson seconded, to approve the Resolution Declaring the Goodlander Zone 5 Booster Pump Station Rebuild Project as Complete. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

Council Member Tierney asked for clarification that the retainage would not be paid until all the conditions were met and certified.

Public Works Director Henne responded that he was correct.

Council Member Tierney added that then starts the sixty day window.

Public Works Director Henne answered in the negative, saying that the sixty day window starts now, and when the conditions are met they would release the retainage.

O. Ordinances

1. Ordinance Revising Selah Municipal Code Chapter 1.10.022, Compensation for the Mayor

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski addressed O – 1. He said that the Finance Committee met March 7 to discuss compensation rates for the Mayor and Council, and after reviewing the comparison page included in the packet they determined that the Council pay would remain but the Mayor's should be adjusted as reflected in the proposed Ordinance.

Council Member Tierney wondered if the restriction on compensation for council members not being increased until such time as there's an election also applied to the Mayor.

City Attorney Noe replied in the negative, saying that there's a constitutional exception for the Mayor, although if the Mayor cast the vote that changes it she wouldn't benefit during the present term.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Underwood seconded, to approve the Ordinance Revising Selah Municipal Code Chapter 1.10.022, Compensation for the Mayor. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

Council Member Carlson remarked that their reasoning for this change was that the Mayor puts in hours and hours of her time to do her job. He added that she takes way more out of her personal time than Council Members and the committee felt she deserved to be paid for the amount of office hours put in.

City Administrator Wayman said that he has daily input with the Mayor, she's in early in the morning every day, listens to him and the staff and makes decisions, signs paperwork. He added that her time there was time losing momentum at her regular business, and that she sacrifices a lot of time, focus and concentration out of her busy life for this City.

Council Member Carlson

2. Ordinance Amending the 2019 Budget for Civic Center, First Street And Park Improvements

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski addressed O – 2. He reviewed the items listed on the budget adjustment, which includes garbage site screening at the Civic Center, and Playland and Volunteer Parks, landscaping improvements along First Street, and the replacement and repair of the sidewalk on the east side of Wixson Park, along with a correction to the funding source amounts.

City Administrator Wayman asked if an explanation was needed for the sixty thousand dollars.

Council Member Tierney replied that he was under the impression it was due to the construction project.

City Administrator Wayman explained that, as they discussed at the last meeting, it would be to increase the SPRSA construction budget as a result of damage to the existing parking lot, which would allow it to be fully repaired with curbing replaced and a new sidewalk installed without the City going out to bid for a separate project. He noted that the money would be conditional for the construction budget only and that the City expects to have a new sidewalk to the specifications they would provide.

Council Member Tierney inquired if they would get reimbursed if the cost was under the amount.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they were planning to allow SPRSA to put any leftover funds towards the parking lot or other construction expenses.

Council Member Carlson wondered what landscaping would be done along First Street.

City Administrator Wayman replied that it would be a continuation of what had been done in the first phase, adding that last time it cost seven thousand six hundred and they are hoping with an allocation of fifteen thousand to cover all remaining expenses for the project.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Burke seconded, to approve the Ordinance Amending the 2019 Budget for Civic Center, First Street And Park Improvements. Roll was called: Council Member Wickenhagen – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Burke – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Bell – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote approval was unanimous.

Tony Courcy approached the podium and addressed the Council. He said that it was his first time attending a meeting there and that the woman behind him was his mother-in-law. He commented that he knows the games they play, talking with Yakima, and that his mother-in-law, who owns a piece of property up the street, doesn't deserve this at all. He found it interesting that there was no implication to reduce the project when notification wasn't made.

Mayor Raymond asked which project he was talking about.

Mr. Courcy replied that it was the project between two schools there, at 615 N First Street, the one with four duplexes. He went on to say that he was sure Council approved it, and that planning did, but he had issue with no notification received by her or any neighbors.

Community Development Supervisor Peters remarked that Mr. Courcy believes this is the public participation part of the meeting and advised Council that it would be appropriate to entertain a motion to hear him at this time.

Mr. Courcy reiterated that it was his first time there.

Council Member Carlson moved, and Council Member Bell seconded, to give Mr. Courcy two minutes to speak. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Mr. Courcy said that he was holding a water right claim that his mother-in-law has owned for years, offering a copy of the document to the Mayor to examine, and that the issue was regarding well water from a shared well, as the design approved with the developer made that disappear. He added that his mother-in-law has owned that since 1974, and that he was sure Council had that information.

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Bell seconded, to allow Mr. Courcy an additional two minutes to speak. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Mr. Courcy said that they don't know who he knows, and that when you lose trust you have nothing. He opined that they took a program from Yakima and brought it to Selah with the Planning Department, and he had pictures that had nothing to do with stormwater or water rights. He added that he also knows that in 1979 people were asking for a light at the intersection and that the matter was all recorded.

Council Member Bell moved, and Council Member Carlson seconded, to give Mr. Courcy an additional two minutes to summarize his point. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Mr. Courcy stated that his mother-in-law doesn't deserve to lose a penny, speaking briefly about her background and family history. He talked about dreams, such as the Fred Redman Bridge, the thirteenth largest of its kind in the world, and that there are a lot of people in the valley with dreams. He added that his mother-in-law was worried about losing the dream she had, about being taken care of as she grew older. He talked about a dream of his in putting a restaurant on the hill overlooking Yakima, and that there was a diverse ethnic community in the valley who might enjoy such a place. He suggested that they do something remarkable.

Council Member Bell stated that his time was up.

Mr. Courcy expressed his appreciation for Council hearing him out, and said that he needed an answer on the project for his mother-in-law. He added that he went to the Department of Ecology and acquired the requirements for it, and that it wasn't right.

Mayor Raymond thanked him.

P. Public Appearances **None**

Q. Reports/Announcements

1. Departments

Police Chief Hayes said that they finished the citizen's academy last night, and it went well.

Fire Chief Hanna said that they finished Edith House last Tuesday, with three hundred six second graders through it, and were getting ready for the kindergartners to start in May. He commented that last Wednesday his department participated in a large event along with a couple mutual aid partners and twenty-three students that posed as an aid group in the mock drill. He gave an update on the hiring process, saying that they did the combat challenge that day at Station 95 in Yakima, and that the candidates who completed it successfully would be moving onto oral boards in two weeks.

Council Member Tierney inquired if any were volunteers.

Fire Chief Hanna replied that five of the six were Selah volunteers.

Community Development Supervisor Peters said that they have started the process of amending the sign ordinance as discussed at the last Council Meeting, with a simple exemption for City-sponsored welcoming and wayfinding signs that would go to the Planning Commission on May 7 then to Council for adoption of the Ordinance. He remarked that, with regard to the land use application mentioned by Mr. Courcy, he didn't want to get into details because they have not issued a determination on it with regard to an administrative adjustment on the parking stall requirements that were increased about the same time the plans were brought in for review. He added that the application also involves an environmental review, with final review and approval by the City Administrator. He commented that Mr.

Courcy wasn't aware that the land had been zoned multi-residential for a considerable amount of time, which was why notification wasn't sent to the neighboring properties. He requested that Council decide what they would like to do with the sub area plan, saying that they were looking at the second meeting in May.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that the second meeting in May needed a study session and asked Council if they would prefer before or after. He inquired if an hour would be adequate for the session.

Community Development Supervisor Peters replied in the affirmative regarding the time frame, saying that they were looking at a compact presentation recapping where they started to where they are now.

City Administrator Wayman requested a motion.

Council Member Underwood stated that she needed it after the Council Meeting.

Council Member Wickenhagen also preferred it be held after.

Council Member Burke moved, and Council Member Underwood seconded, to hold the study session after the Council Meeting on May 28, 2019. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

Council Member Burke inquired if the City's attorney had reviewed the sign ordinance.

City Administrator Wayman responded that he and the Mayor were currently reviewing it.

Public Works Director Henne said that they are sweeping streets and reading meters for the first time this year.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski remarked that he was hoping to provide a sales tax report update but the Department of Revenue has not made that information available yet.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

2. Council Members

Council Member Wickenhagen said that he took his grandkids to Volunteer Park last weekend, and he felt the all trees make a dramatic difference. He noted that there were at least thirty kids there enjoying the playground.

Council Member Matson said that she attended the last night of police academy, and encouraged others to attend as she found the meetings very interesting.

City Administrator Wayman asked her what was next for Volunteer Park.

Council Member Matson replied that it probably be work on the structure of the park, finalizing picnic and park benches, and also some shade structures.

City Administrator Wayman stated that they have some money for naming signs if they come up with a design for the signs.

Council Member Matson responded that they have one design for the main sign, and thought she could bring it to Council by May. She said that she didn't make the last Selah Community Days Association meeting, but would give an update at the next Council Meeting.

Council Member Burke said that he attended the open house at Comprehensive along with a number of community agencies, which looked like pretty good setup, and that a lot of safety concerns were addressed directly. He thought that they had an impressive setup.

Council Member Tierney said that they had a brief LTAC meeting but took no action, and noted that the Department of Revenue has yet to provide them with a lodging tax report.

Council Member Bell said that the SPRSA board made some actions last week based on community support for funds to fill the pool this year, and would be signing a new insurance contract with some of the funds next week to carry them through without a gap in insurance coverage, which also included an increase a ten million liability limit. He went on to say that they also approved the levy to go forward in August, and that it would be on the primary ballot for fifteen cents per thousand, a reduction from the nineteen point four cents on last year's levy, which would generate up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars annually for maintenance and operations over the next six years.

Council Member Underwood thanked the Mayor and City Administrator for assisting in construction funds for the sidewalk. She noted that the Selah School District board meeting would be Thursday, and that the SPRSA is working on a mission statement they hope to get out in the next couple weeks.

Council Member Carlson had no report.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Wayman said that there would be a presentation from the digital sign folks at the next meeting, and that negotiations were underway with Mr. Garner regarding a transfer of property although they need more development from CEI for exact dimensions. He added that Mr. Garner and himself agreed to hold on until know exactly how much property would be needed.

4. Boards **None**

5. Mayor

Mayor Raymond requested that Council Members write down questions for the sign presentation prior to the next meeting, as she would go down the line to allow them to ask questions of the presenter. She remarked that she hugged the root ball of the Centennial tree at Volunteer Park, and her arms didn't even go around halfway around. She went on to say that it was a beautiful tree, and they took great care in putting it in, only breaking one water line that was fixed before the tree went in. She said that Russell Landscaping was out there, and it was her understanding that they donated the tree. She enjoyed the Yakima Valley School tour of the new facility, saying they were very helpful in answering questions and if anyone in the community wants to see it to give them a call. She ended by saying that at the EMS

executive board meeting the last couple times one of the biggest concerns to get out to the public was reminding people about distracted driving.

City Administrator Wayman spoke briefly about the multi-agency cleanup of homeless encampments in the gap between Yakima and Selah, saying that there were still tons of debris and needles down there out of sight, a good portion inside the Selah City limits, and that they are looking into how to clean the area up due to the health and safety hazards presented. He gave kudos to Code Enforcement Officer Barnett for her coordination with BNSF, Yakima County, and the City of Selah on working towards a solution to get that all out, especially as there is a lot of garbage where the clarification ditch empties into the river. He promised an update as they go along, noting that they may see requests for resources in the future.

Council Member Underwood commented that she noticed they have moved under the freeways, camping in the underpasses and where the former Greenway walkway is.

City Administrator Wayman responded that the Sheriff's Department was down there working on it.

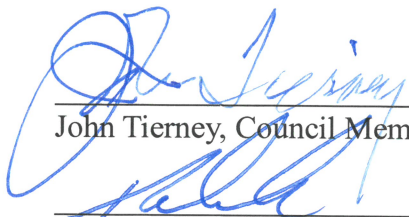
Council Member Tierney observed that there was another shopping cart at the golf course entrance.

P. Executive Session **None**

Q. Adjournment

Council Member Bell moved, and Council Member Burke seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed with six yes votes and one no vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.



John Tierney, Council Member




Russell Carlson, Council Member



Jacquie Matson, Council Member



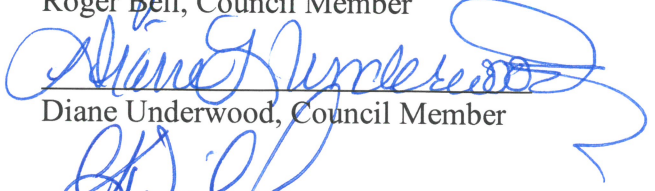
Jeremy Burke, Council Member



Sherry Raymond, Mayor



Roger Bell, Council Member

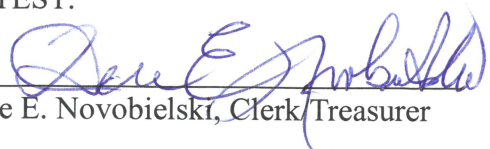


Diane Underwood, Council Member



Kevin Wickenhagen, Council Member

ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer